

POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE  
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

Summary Memorandum

Site ID: WA D009241548  
County: Pierce  
Priority Assessment: Low  
Backlog Red. Cat.:  
Date/Revised: 05/25/85

Name and Location:

General Plastics Inc.  
3481 S. 35th  
Tacoma, WA 98409

Contact:  
Telephone: (206) 3831621  
Site Status: ( ) Active ( X ) Inactive ( ) Unknown

Site Description/TSD Activities:

General Plastics is a plastics manufacturer. Their plant is now located on Burlington Way in Tacoma. The old site at S. 35th was active for about 40 years. Types of plastics manufactured & waste handling/disposal practices at the old plant site are unknown.

Waste Types/Quantities/Characteristics:

Unknown waste types over life of the old plant. The new plant makes polyurethane plastics. Unknown waste types/quantities & handling practices at S. 35th Street site.

Physical/Social Environment:

Site is located in urban area of Tacoma, near Nalley's Fine Foods. There are 3 parks and 5 schools within one mile of the site.

Pollutant Mobilization/Pathways/Risk:

Unknown what closure activities occurred at this site. Unknown whether the site has underground storage tanks and whether these were drained or excavated when plant moved to new location.

Priority Assessment/Backlog Reduction Category:

Low: Unknown waste handling and disposal practices.

Followup Recommendations:

Recommend followup with company to determine what activities occurred at the old site and what procedures were followed during closure of old site. If underground storage tanks were used at this site, then recommend inspection to determine whether they still contain liquids and determine whether any leakage occurred.

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Part 1 - Site Information and Assessment**

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

01 State	02 Site Number
WA	D009241548

**II. SITE NAME AND LOCATION**

01 Site Name (legal, common, or descriptive name of site) General Plastics		02 Street, Route No., or Specific Location Identifier 3481 S. 35th Street	
03 City Tacoma	04 State WA	05 Zip Code 98409	06 County Pierce
07 County Code 053		08 Cong Dist 06	
09 Coordinates Latitude 471200.0 Longitude 1222900.0		Section/Township/Range SW 1/4, Sec. 7, T20N, R3E, WM	
10 Directions to Site (starting from nearest public road)			

**III. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES**

01 Owner (if known) Nalley's Fine Foods		02 Street (business, mailing, residential) 3303 S. 35th Street	
03 City Tacoma	04 State WA	05 Zip Code 98409	06 Telephone Number (206) 3831621
07 Operator (if known and different from owner) Same		08 Street (business, mailing, residential)	
09 City	10 State	11 Zip Code	12 Telephone Number ( )
13 Type of Ownership (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Private <input type="checkbox"/> B. Federal: <input type="checkbox"/> C. State <input type="checkbox"/> D. County <input type="checkbox"/> E. Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> F. Other: <input type="checkbox"/> G. Unknown			
14 Owner/Operator Notification on File (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> A. RCRA 3001, Date Rec'd: / / <input type="checkbox"/> B. Uncontrolled Waste Site (CERCLA 103c), Date Rec'd: / / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. None			

**IV. CHARACTERIZATION OF POTENTIAL HAZARD**

01 On Site Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Date: / / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No By (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> A. EPA <input type="checkbox"/> B. EPA Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> C. State <input type="checkbox"/> D. Other Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> E. Local Health Official <input type="checkbox"/> F. Other: Contractors Name(s):	
02 Site Status (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> A. Active <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> C. Unknown	03 Years of Operation beginning year    ending year 1941    1981 <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
04 Description of Substances Possibly Present, Known, or Alleged The old plant site was a plastics manufacturing plant. Facility has since moved to Burlington Way in Tacoma. Unknown waste handling, storage, and disposal practices at the old site.	
05 Description of Potential Hazard to Environment and/or Population Unknown risks to environment. Unknown waste handling, storage, and disposal practices.	

**V. PRIORITY ASSESSMENT**

01 Priority for Inspection (check one; if high or medium is checked, complete Part 2 and Part 3) <input type="checkbox"/> A. High (inspection required promptly) <input type="checkbox"/> B. Medium (inspection required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Low (inspect on time available basis) <input type="checkbox"/> D. None (no further action needed complete current disposition form)			
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**VI. INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM**

01 Contact Ned Therien	02 Of (agency/organization) WDDE	03 Telephone Number (206) 4596280
04 Person Responsible for Assessment Barbara Morson	05 Agency SAIC	07 Telephone Number (206) 7477899
		08 Date 05/25/85

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☐ M. Not Applicable

EPA/ERRIS files; WDOE files; W. Abercrombie, WDOE, pers. comm., 5/2/85.

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Part 3 - Description of Hazardous Conditions & Incidents

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

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**II. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS**

01 ( ☒ ) A. Groundwater Contamination      02 (    ) Observed (Date:            )      ( ☒ ) Potential      (    ) Alleged

03 Population Potentially Affected: 1500      04 Narrative Description  
None reported. Waste handling practices unknown. Aquifer is Vashon outwash sands and gravels. Groundwater is at 35-100 feet.

01 ( ☒ ) B. Surface Water Contamination      02 (    ) Observed (Date:            )      (    ) Potential      (    ) Alleged

03 Population Potentially Affected: 0      04 Narrative Description  
None reported or suspected. Nearest downgradient surface water is City Waterway (marine water) 3.4 miles NE of site (slope <3%).

01 ( ☒ ) C. Contamination of Air      02 (    ) Observed (Date:            )      (    ) Potential      (    ) Alleged

03 Population Potentially Affected: 0      04 Narrative Description  
None reported or suspected. 5500 residents plus 8600 transients within one mile of site.

01 ( ☒ ) D. Fire/Explosive Conditions      02 (    ) Observed (Date:            )      (    ) Potential      (    ) Alleged

03 Population Potentially Affected: 0      04 Narrative Description  
No known certified fire/explosive conditions.

01 ( ☒ ) E. Direct Contact      02 (    ) Observed (Date:            )      (    ) Potential      (    ) Alleged

03 Population Potentially Affected: 0      04 Narrative Description  
None reported or suspected. Site now occupied by City office workers.

01 ( ☒ ) F. Contamination of Soil      02 (    ) Observed (Date:            )      ( ☒ ) Potential      (    ) Alleged

03 Area Potentially Affected (acres): 15      04 Narrative Description  
Unknown waste storage and handling practices. Site is paved. Native soils are Alderwood-Everett series, moderately to excessively well-drained.

01 ( ☒ ) G. Drinking Water Contamination      02 (    ) Observed (Date:            )      ( ☒ ) Potential      (    ) Alleged

03 Population Potentially Affected: 1500      04 Narrative Description  
None reported. Waste handling practices unknown. Public and private wells serve 1500 people within a three-mile radius. Nearest known supply (Allen) is 0.5 miles NE of the site.

01 ( ☒ ) H. Worker Exposure/Injury      02 (    ) Observed (Date:            )      (    ) Potential      (    ) Alleged

03 Workers Potentially Affected: 0      04 Narrative Description  
None reported or suspected.

01 ( ☒ ) I. Population Exposure/Injury      02 (    ) Observed (Date:            )      ( ☒ ) Potential      (    ) Alleged

03 Population Potentially Affected: 1500      04 Narrative Description  
Unknown waste handling and storage practices. Unknown risk to population. Only suspected route is through groundwater contamination.

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II. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS (continued)

01 ( X ) J. Damage to Flora

02 ( ) Observed (Date: )

( ) Potential

( ) Alleged

04 Narrative Description

None reported or suspected.

01 ( X ) K. Damage to Fauna

02 ( ) Observed (Date: )

( ) Potential

( ) Alleged

04 Narrative Description (include name(s) of species)

None reported or suspected.

01 ( X ) L. Contamination of Food Chain

02 ( ) Observed (Date: )

( ) Potential

( ) Alleged

04 Narrative Description

None reported or suspected.

01 ( X ) M. Unstable Containment of Wastes

02 ( ) Observed (Date: )

( X ) Potential

( ) Alleged

(spills/runoff/standing liquids/leaking drums)

03 Population Potentially Affected: 1500

04 Narrative Description

None reported. Unknown waste handling practices at this site.

01 ( X ) N. Damage to Offsite Property

02 ( ) Observed (Date: )

( ) Potential

( ) Alleged

04 Narrative Description

None reported or suspected.

01 ( X ) O. Contamination of Sewers,  
Storm Drains, WWTPs

02 ( ) Observed (Date: )

( ) Potential

( ) Alleged

04 Narrative Description

None reported or suspected.

01 ( X ) P. Illegal/Unauthorized Dumping

02 ( ) Observed (Date: )

( ) Potential

( ) Alleged

04 Narrative Description

None reported or suspected.

05 Description of Any Other Known, Potential, or Alleged Hazards

None known.

III. TOTAL POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 1500

IV. COMMENTS

No file information at WDOE on the old site. All files refer to the new site which opened in October 1981. More information needs to be obtained from the company concerning waste disposal practices at S. 35th St. site.

V. SOURCES OF INFORMATION (cite specific references: state files, reports, etc.)

EPA/ERRIS files; WDOE files; W. Abercrombie, J. Oberlander, WDOE pers. comm., 4/29 & 5/2/85; USGS Tacoma S. Quad (1981); WSB #19, SCS Soil Survey, Pierce Co. (1979); WDSH Computer Water Supply Listing (1985).